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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SET FOR OCTOBER

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Did you know that common household hazardous waste can be dangerous when mixed with other garbage material? Simple items that mix together can cause fires or deadly poisonous vapors.

Sanitation drivers have been recently hospitalized or have received treatment from collecting pool acid that negatively reacts with other garbage items. In fact, Glendale Fire responds to 300 household hazardous waste incidents a year.

Residents can get rid of their household hazardous waste all at once curbside through the Glendale's Household Hazardous Waste pick-up event.

The Glendale Sanitation Division is once again offering residents the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste with its home collection service Monday, Oct. 20 to Friday, Nov. 7.

Residents can sign-up for the service, beginning Monday, Sept. 29 through October 24 by contacting the Sanitation Division. Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis and the first 750 households will be eligible for the service.

“A number of commonly household items are considered hazardous waste, so we offer this service to help residents organize and clean-up safely,” said Solid Waste Superintendent Bill Sterling. “Approximately five tons of materials



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were collected and properly disposed of during the April '08 event.”

Hazardous materials that will be accepted include paints and stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, pesticides, motor oil and filters, batteries, pool chemicals and household cleaners. Items that are unacceptable are explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business wastes.

There is a 20-gallon limit on paint, oil, gasoline, antifreeze and other automotive liquids. No single container may be larger than 5-gallons. All items should be in their original containers and must be clearly marked to identify their contents.

To arrange a pickup of hazardous waste materials, residents can call the Sanitation Division at (623) 930-2660. For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com

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